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Dear Sir:

Attached you will find the Annual Report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "L" Division, for the calendar year 1982.

The year was a significant one for us in that it was the fiftieth anniversary of our association with the Province as its policing agency. We are very proud to have reached this milestone.

Operationally, the year was both busy and successful. Appendix "A" will provide details of the caseloads carried, and the clearance rates we experienced. I feel confident that we will be able to continue the favourable pattern of clearance rates reflected in the statistics provided.

On behalf of all personnel of the Division, I gratefully acknowledge the support and co-operation which we consistently receive from your Ministry, and from its key officials. This spirit of co-operation promotes and sustains an environment for success.

In looking to the future, we are all conscious of the economic realities before us. You have our assurance we will continue to seek efficiency as well as effectiveness as we serve the people of this Province.

Yours truly,

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"L" DIVISION

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PREFACE:

On April 1, 1982, the R.C.M.P. marked its 50th anniversary of police service to the residents of Prince Edward Island. During 1982, the R.C.M.P. continued to pursue its program objectives of enforcing laws, preventing crime, and maintaining peace, order and security in accordance with the Provincial policing contract and our Federal policing mandate.

As in prior years, Detachments operated at Alberton, Borden, Charlottetown, Montague, Sherwood/Parkdale, Souris and Summerside. In addition, a summer detachment at Cavendish was operated to respond to the increased seasonal needs of the area residents and the visiting public. Division Headquarters in Charlottetown houses Division management, specialized and support services.

For several years our Headquarters' accommodation has been inadequate. In May of 1982, in response to this need, an addition to the existing structure was commenced by a local contractor, Williams, Murphy and MacLeod Ltd. This expansion is scheduled to be completed in March of 1983.

PERSONPOWER DISTRIBUTION:

As of December 31st, 1982, the total personpower distributed in "L" Division was as follows:

Establishment Strength by Rank and Location:

	C/Supt.	Insp.	S/Sgt.	Sgt.	Cpl.	Cst.	S/Cst.	C/M	P/S	Totals
Division Headquarters	1	1	4	7	11	8	-	9	13	54
Alberton	-	-	-	1	2	9	-	-	1	13
Borden	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	1	6
Charlottetown	-	-	1	1	5	23	-	-	3	33
Montague	-	-	-	1	1	8	-	-	1	11
Sherwood/Parkdale	-	-	-	1	1	7	-	-	-	9
Souris	-	-	-	1	1	7	-	-	1	10
Summerside	-	-	1	-	3	9	1	-	2	16
	1	1	6	13	24	75	1	9	22	152

The Actual Strength by major function is:

Provincial Policing	106
Federal Policing	16
Municipal Policing	12
Division Admin	18
Total Division Strength	152

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:

The Financial Services Section prepares and monitors the Division's budgetary programs. Appropriate figures for the fiscal year 1982/83* are presented:

Sources of Funds:

	1982/1983
Federal Government.....	$3,119,000
Provincial Government.....	3,200,000
Municipal Governments.....	360,000
	$6,679,000

*Although this report is for the calendar year 1982, the R.C.M.P. financial system is based on the fiscal period April 1, 1982 to March 31, 1983.

Application of Funds:

Salaries and Allowances.....	$4,862,000
Transportation and Travel.....	390,000
Professional and Spec. Services.....	127,000
Rentals.....	63,000
Repairs and Upkeep.....	112,000
Utilities and Supplies.....	474,000
Miscellaneous.....	15,000
Equipment.....	636,000
	$6,679,000

Division Managers are sensitive to costs and employ various techniques to keep within budget levels. Overtime control, energy conservation and vehicle downsizing are three examples of this sensitivity. These and other measures will continue as the Division endeavours to respond to economic constraints.

PROVINCIAL POLICING:

Of the contract strength of 106 persons in "L" Division, 83 are assigned to rural policing duties. This figure includes 9 public servants, who are employed at Detachments throughout the Province. Both Detachment and Highway Patrol members are actively engaged in Criminal Code and Highway Traffic enforcement programs. Crime prevention and police community relations programs also constitute a major role in their policing services. Members also become involved in investigations relating to the enforcement of Federal Statutes in response to their mandate as a Federal, as well as a Provincial police force.

Support services such as the Identification Section, C.P.I.C. Services, Police Service Dogs, the Polygraphist, the Crime Detection Laboratories, and the CP/PCR Section provide an essential assistance to all policing activities on the Island, especially Provincial policing.

The Provincial units occasionally receive assistance from the Federal units because the criminal element under investigation, more often than not, is known in the Federal policing as well as the Provincial policing spheres. Informal and formal joint investigations, involving the Federal and Provincial units with Charlottetown, Summerside, St. Eleanors and Kensington Municipal police forces have consistently produced quality results, realizing not only successful case conclusions, but also the added benefit of savings of time and resources. The Force also enjoys excellent co-operation with the Canadian National Police, U.P.E.I. Security Department, Northumberland Ferries Security, Provincial Fish & Wildlife, the Federal Department of Fisheries & Oceans, the Canadian Wildlife Services and other investigative offices and security agencies on the Island.

MUNICIPAL POLICING:

The Sherwood/Parkdale Detachment is the only unit exclusively employed on Municipal policing. The Towns of Montague and Souris also hold Municipal contracts for two (2) and one (1) member(s) respectively. Extended policing

contracts between the Province and the Municipality also are in place at Alberton and the Village of Tignish. Monthly reports are provided to the applicable Municipal officials by the Detachment Commanders.

During 1982, three of the extended policing contracts were not renewed. The Municipalities of O'Leary, Borden and Georgetown are no longer served under an extended contract. Although they continue to receive policing service from the Detachments of Alberton, Borden and Montague respectively, they are no longer guaranteed a minimum level of police presence that existed under the previous arrangement. Only time will tell whether this change will benefit the communities concerned.

Members of the Force spend a great deal of their work and leisure time interacting with the residents of the communities they serve. They are involved not only with the enforcement of various statutes, but are also active in police community relations and crime prevention activities. Members work with youth groups, sports teams and community groups all over the Island in an effort to promote understanding and good will between the public and the police. In our 1981 report, we commented on the need and desirability for an ever-increasing emphasis on crime prevention stating that in the final analysis, prevention is the most effective form of police work. Such sentiments are being stressed again.

As a practical application of this view, in 1982, we designated a member of Charlottetown Detachment as a local co-ordinator. Constable Roger Waite has been very active in the Charlottetown environs and has been an effective supplement to the Province-wide efforts of Sergeant Peter McGarry.

Despite these successes, much more can be done and we cannot stress too strongly that there are economies to be enjoyed through the application of successful prevention programs. Our efforts above, however, are not the answer. It is the commitment from community leaders which is indispensable.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:

For the third consecutive year, there has been an overall decrease in motor vehicle accidents. The reduction this year of 4 fatal motor vehicle accidents, involving 5 fewer deaths over 1981, reflects a 25% decrease; a most favourable development. Injury accidents decreased by 10% from 1981 and property damage accidents were down 7% from the previous year's total. The following table outlines the motor vehicle accident record over the last three years in R.C.M.P. jurisdiction on the Island:

Motor Vehicle Accidents:

	1982	1981	1980
Fatals	13 (15)*	17 (20)*	29 (31)*
Injury	317	352	338
Property Damage	1319	1416	1580
	1649	1785	1947

*( ) indicates number of persons killed

Traffic enforcement in the Criminal Code and Provincial Statute areas remains a high priority by the Provincial policing members. During the past year, concerted efforts to make the public more aware of the "rules of the road" through education and enforcement, day-to-day contact with violators and troubled motorists,and lectures to community groups and schools, has gone a long way towards improving the accident situation. Criminal Code traffic offences increased by 7% to 1980 levels, while Provincial traffic enforcement figures show a decrease during the past year. A more detailed account of these comparative figures is shown on Appendix "A" attached.

FEDERAL POLICING:

The Federal Government continues to have a strong Federal presence in the Province through a variety of enforcement programs. Members enforce an

extensive range of Federal Acts including the Narcotic Control Act, the Food and Drugs Act, the Customs Act, Excise Act, Migratory Birds Convention Act, Canada Shipping Act, Immigration and Passport Act, Cultural Properties Act, Export-Import Acts, Aeronautics Act and the Petroleum Administration Act, to name a few.

Division Management is committed to accenting local activity within the Federal policing sphere, as we are convinced there is much room for this additional effort. In this regard, and given cost-sharing considerations, we expect such increased effort to emanate from all our Divisional operational units.

NATIVE POLICING:

To ensure the Force is responsive to the policing needs of the Lennox Island Reserve, one person is employed there under the Indian Special Constable program, jointly funded by the Province and the Federal Government. Special Constable Peter Lewis reports to the member in charge of Summerside Detachment and provides an important link between the people of Lennox Island and the R.C.M.P.

Police service to the remainder of the Reserves on the Island is provided by the Detachments having local jurisdiction. The exception is the Scotchfort Reserve where a Band Constable carries out certain duties for the Band Council and assists the R.C.M.P. as required.

CASES OF INTEREST:

On November 25, 1982, a man was convicted of rape and sentenced to serve 10 years in a Federal Penitentiary.

It was only by the narrowest of margins that this episode did not end in a greater tragedy.

In the early morning of August 21, 1982, two females volunteered to give the assailant a drive to work. Following his directions, they ended up stuck on

a back road. At this point, the intentions of the male became known and he threatened them with a knife. One female escaped and the other was beaten, forced to undress and raped.

Fortunately, the plucky woman who escaped, went to a farm house some distance away and telephoned the R.C.M.P.

The police arrived just as the victim and her assailant were walking out of the woods. The victim showed a great deal of courage during her ordeal and the subsequent trial.

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Prince Edward Island is not noted for its mass production of grain, therefore, one would not suspect an employee of a grain elevator to be involved in thefts of grain that would run into thousands of dollars.

On June 28, 1982, a suspect was charged with 7 counts of Theft Over $200. At the time the thefts occurred, the accused was employed at an Island grain elevator. Over a period of 1½ years, the employee sold various loads of grain for which the monies received went directly to his own use.

With the co-operation of the Auditor General of P.E.I. and loyal employees of the grain elevator, the investigation was successful.

On July 9, 1982, the accused pleaded guilty and was fined $500 on each count, placed on probation for twelve months, and ordered to make restitution totalling $18,404.19.

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In last year's report, mention was made of the Division's Emergency Response Team, and it was observed that the ERT had not yet been called upon in an actual operational situation.

The baptism for the Team took place in the early morning of August 2, 1982, when it successfully apprehended two men in a Charlottetown hotel who were wanted for bank robbery in Nova Scotia. The efforts of the Team were

closely reviewed, and it was noted with satisfaction that the incident was handled most effectively and at no risk to innocent persons.

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Again, on October 30, 1982, the Team was used successfully to respond to a situation involving firearms. In this incident also, the Team was instrumental in quickly containing and neutralizing what otherwise might have been a serious occurrence.

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COMPARATIVE STATISTICS:

Data collected from the past three years indicates an overall increase in the Island's crime trend in R.C.M.P. jurisdictions. Offences against persons rose by 20% in 1982. Property crimes and Other Criminal Code offences increased 9% and 14% respectively. Offences detected in the Federal drug area dropped by 35%, a decline which can be attributed to a shift in strategy, with the focus on more attention to individuals and organizations involved in the trafficking of heroin, cocaine, chemical drugs and cannabis, and less on those who consume illicit drugs. The enforcement of other Federal Statutes rose sharply by 49% when compared to 1981 figures. A more detailed account of criminal offences can be seen in Appendix "A".

Statistical Analysis:

In the 1981 Annual Report, it was indicated that "L" Division intended to improve its analytical capabilities in order to identify and project trends with greater accuracy. This year all of our Operational Units were participants in the newly developed Operational Statistical Reporting System (OSR) of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. OSR has enabled us to ".....provide timely and representative data which accurately describes the activities of the R.C.M.P." This data permits Division and Unit Managers to make decisions on resource allocation and deployment of personnel. The consequence of the decisions impact the level of service provided to the public and assists in monitoring the quality and nature of police services being rendered.

RECRUITING:

The R.C.M.P., as a career, continues to be attractive to many Island residents. Applications for 1982 compare favourably with past years; however, the current economic climate has resulted in a supply of applicants far exceeding the demand. This situation has contributed to a decrease in actual engagements in the Force, both provincially and nationally. There were four engagements in 1982 compared with ten in 1981.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM:

In May 1982, six Supernumerary Special Constables were hired for the summer months. Their tour of duty ended in early September. All persons employed were university students with Island ties. The students were appointed Provincial Police Constables, wore the uniform of the Force and performed under the guidance of "L" Division personnel. Employment under this program gave the students first-hand experience in the law enforcement field, and it is anticipated that this program will continue in 1983.

AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM:

During the year 1982, the R.C.M.P. Auxiliary Force worked a total of 7,232 hours. Of this total, 4,460 were voluntary hours. The Auxiliary is very active and offers great support for regular personnel during special events, such as Old Home Week, and all holiday weekends. The Auxiliary also renders assistance to Cavendish Summer Detachment. The support given by this public spirited group of people provides an important saving to the overall policing costs of "L" Division. The major benefit, of course, is that there is in place a trained body of personnel to assist in the event of a major disaster. Auxiliary Constables wear the uniform of the Force, participate in regular training programs and are expected to respond to emergency calls for service, in which case they may be paid a small fee for their time. There are plans to train 18 new Auxiliary recruits in 1983 to maintain the approved establishment of 75 persons.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY:

On April 1, 1982, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police passed a milestone in the Province of Prince Edward Island by completing fifty years of police service.

To honour the Force in its celebration, there were a number of special events and presentations which included:

(a) A presentation by the Honourable George R. McMahon, Q.C. Minister of Justice on behalf of the Province of Prince Edward Island of a commemorative montage painted by Mr. Henry Purdy, Director of Art for Holland College, depicting the history of the Force on Prince Edward Island.

(b) Personnel of the Provincial Highway Safety Division privately sharing in the expense of producing a specially designed commemorative license plate - "RCMP-50" - honouring the anniversary. Mr. Irwin Jenkins, Director of Highway Safety, presented this unique plaque to us to signify the close working relationship existing between our two organizations over the years.

(c) A formal Spring Ball was graced by the attendance of His Honour, J. Aubin Doiron, the Lieutenant Governor of P.E.I. and Mrs. Doiron, together with other dignitaries and their wives.

THE FUTURE:

Both Provincial and National constraint programs of 1982 are expected to continue into 1983 and 1984. The R.C.M.P. will endeavour to provide the public of Prince Edward Island with an acceptable level of service within the confines of those restraints.

It should be noted, however, that the increase in certain crime statistics reported elsewhere likely will continue into the future. Therefore, crime prevention and police community relations programs will continue to be a major goal of all Units, in order to reduce the opportunities for crime. Efforts will continue to encourage public participation in crime resistance programs such as "Neighbourhood Watch", "Veto Vandalism", "Block Parent" programs and other formal and informal programs, where public participation will assist community and individual security.

The importance of Highway Traffic enforcement and education will be pursued, together with high visibility patrols and preventive techniques. In this way, we hope to continue the favourable trends now being experienced. As in the past, it is anticipated that continued co-operation between all police forces, investigative agencies and other Government departments on the Island will continue to strengthen the police community and its ability to join forces when required, to address crime.

In order to structure plans and programs for the coming years, "L" Division will be adopting a more formal approach in the planning processes. Projected trend indicators will assist in anticipating increases in Criminal Code workload. Division standards have been developed for levels of service and Unit performance will be monitored to ensure these acceptable levels are maintained.

APPENDIX "A"

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS CHART:

	YEAR	REPORTED CASES	1980 BASE YEAR COMPARISONS	"L" DIV CLEARANCE RATE	NATIONAL CLEARANCE RATE (RCMP AREAS)
(1) Criminal Code	1982	395	141	88%	56%
	1981	313	112	85%	81%
PERSONS	1980	279	100	86%	83%
(2) Criminal Code	1982	2740	129	27%	28%
	1981	2496	117	34%	31%
PROPERTY	1980	2130	100	33%	32%
(3) Criminal Code	1982	2115	116	38%	29%
	1981	1830	100	42%	43%
OTHER OFFENCES	1980	1826	100	42%	45%
(4) Federal Statutes	1982	287	78	83%	66%
	1981	387	105	70%	86%
DRUGS	1980	370	100	80%	86%
(5) Federal Statutes	1982	250	227	27%	59%
	1981	127	115	65%	87%
OTHER OFFENCES	1980	110	100	77%	89%
(6) Criminal Code	1982	1415	100	86%	85%
	1981	1311	93	86%	Not Available
TRAFFIC	1980	1410	100	96%	Not Available
(7) Provincial	1982	6482	72	DATA IS NOT COLLECTED FOR CLEARANCE RATE CALCULATIONS	
	1981	8192	91		
TRAFFIC	1980	9026	100		
(8) Provincial	1982	2625	97	DATA IS NOT COLLECTED FOR CLEARANCE RATE CALCULATIONS	
	1981	2283	84		
NON-TRAFFIC	1980	2713	100		